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PIONEER CLAREMONT FARMER DIES SUNDAY

Fred Rasmusen, pioneer farmer of the Claremont vicinity, passed away at Aberdeen, where he made his home during the past year, on Sunday, Oct. 22. He had been in ailing health for a year or more, and death followed a more serious illness, which was of only a week's duration, probably due to his advanced age of 81 years.

Fred Rasmusen was born in Greenville, Mich., November 4, 1863. He came to Dakota, Putney community, in 1888, and was married to Nellie Dickerson, December 24, 1890. In 1900, the family moved to a farm in Detroit township where they resided for many years.

To this union were born five children, four of whom are living. They are: Jay, of Little Falls, Minn.; Bertha, Mrs. Arthur Streeter, of Portland, Ore.; Gladys, Mrs. Carl Green, of Groton; Glenn of Claremont and Myrtle, Mrs. Ed. Doolin, who passed away on May 26, 1935. Aside from the four children who mourn his loss are the following: Eleven grandchildren, one great grandchild, and two sisters, Mrs. R. J. Redhouse, Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Bertha Dickerson, of Pasadena, Calif. His wife preceded him in death on October 14, 1936.

Fred Rasmusen came to Dakota at a time when the country was new, and proved himself a sturdy pioneer worthy of membership in the fast thinning generation to which he belonged. He was a member of the A. O. U. W. fraternity and also, of the Masonic lodge. He was a kind hearted father, husband and neighbor, leaving behind him a splendid family of children. Many of his young friends, as well as the older generation will carry pleasant memories of his courage and devotion to the tasks which he performed with an age of true pioneers.

Funeral services were held at the Paetznick Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. L. C. Benson preached the sermon. Remains were laid to rest in the Groton cemetery.